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RESPONSE

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In response to the Office Action, paper number 16,

Applicant offers the following remarks.

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REMARKS

The Examiner is taking the position that the claims of the application which cover the combination of a preserved vessel and a removable stent is obvious from the Pratt, Dardik, Lau, and Chin references in combination.

Specifically, the Chin reference is cited to show a bifurcated stent graft derived from an umbilical source. The Chin reference shows a graft 200 preferably formed from synthetic material although tissue such as umbilical veins may be employed.